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OVERNIGHT REACTION TO THE CARIBBEAN BASIN SPEECH--26 February

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FRANCE	POSITIVE	MITTERRAND GENERALLY APPROVES, ALTHOUGH THE PLAN "IS NOT WHAT FRANCE WOULD HAVE DONE"	25X1
BRAZIL	POSITIVE	PRESIDENT SAID THE PLAN WILL HELP EASE TENSION IN THE AREA, AND DOUBTS THAT THE US WILL INTERVENE MILITARILY IN EL SALVADOR	25X1
TRINIDAD/ TOBAGO	POSITIVE	ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, BUT MAY REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF PROVISIONS-- FEELS THE AMOUNT OF AID IS INSUFFICIENT FOR NEEDS OF THE AREA, AND THAT A 12 YEAR DUTY FREE PERIOD IS TOO SHORT-- PREDICTS OTHER PROBLEMS	25X1
MEXICO	POSITIVE	LOPEZ-PORTILLO ENTHUSIASTIC, PROMISES WHOLE-HEARTED PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE INITIATIVE	25X1
COSTA RICA	POSITIVE	MUCH FAVOURABLE PRESS COVERAGE-- BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS DRAFTING POSITIVE MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT REAGAN	25X1

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